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In re Application of :
Ma et al. :
Application No. 10/789,478 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 27 February, 2004 :
Atty Docket No. 068736.0236 :
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This is a decision on the petition filed on 23 January, 2007,
under 37 CFR 1.137(b),¹ to revive the above-identified
application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned on 4 November, 2006, for failure
to timely file the issue and publication fees in response to the
Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on 3 August, 2006,
which set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. Notice of
Abandonment was mailed on 1 December, 2006.

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay
in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a
lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37
CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application
abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing
application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995,
and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a
request for continuing examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent,
abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply
must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application,
abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the
publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for
the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.
The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay
was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to
37 CFR 1.137(c)).

The application is being referred to the Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3231.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is positioned above the printed name.

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